

# **NORTH COAST AND CASCADES NETWORK**

## **ASSESSING THE RISK OF FOLIAR INJURY FROM OZONE ON VEGETATION IN PARKS IN THE NORTH COAST AND CASCADES NETWORK**

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### **Objective**

This assessment employs a biologically-based method to evaluate the risk of foliar injury from ozone at parks within the 32 Vital Signs Networks. The assessment allows resource managers at each park to better understand the risk of ozone injury to vegetation within their park and permits them to make a better informed decision regarding the need to monitor the impacts of ozone on plants.

This introduction provides an overview of the risk assessment process and the data used. It also provides a summary of the results of risk assessments for sites within the network.

### **Risk Assessment Methodology**

The risk assessment is based on a Triad model that holds that the response of a plant to ozone is the result of the interaction of the plant, the level of exposure and the exposure environment. While interactions among the three variables determine the response, the state of any one of them can serve to accentuate or preclude the production of foliar injury. The response is greatest when all three variables and their interactions are optimized relative to the conditions that foster injury. The optimized states are: the species of plants are highly sensitive to ozone, the exposure levels of ozone significantly exceed the thresholds for foliar injury, and the environmental conditions foster gas exchange and the uptake of ozone by plants.

To conduct a risk assessment for a specific site, information was obtained on the ozone-sensitive plant species found there, the levels of ozone exposure that occur over a number of years, and, since soil moisture is a critical variable controlling gas exchange, the levels of soil moisture that exist during the periods of ozone exposure. The information was evaluated to determine the degree to which the levels of ozone exposure and soil moisture conditions integrate to create an environment that leads to the production of foliar injury on sensitive species at the site.

### **Ozone-Sensitive Plant Species**

In 2003 a workshop was convened by the National Park Service to review the ozone research literature and apply the field experience of the attendees to develop a comprehensive list of ozone-sensitive plant species for the eastern and western United States. Because of the emphasis of previous field studies and research, information on the ozone-sensitivity of tropical, arctic and rare species is limited. The workshop

identified both sensitive and bioindicator species for ozone, and published its determinations in a National Park Service Report (U.S. National Park Service 2003). An ozone bioindicator species is one whose high level of sensitivity and characteristic pattern of foliar injury allow it to be confidently used to ascertain the occurrence of injurious levels of ozone exposure in the field. With regard to the Triad model, a bioindicator species integrates the effects of exposure and environment while optimizing plant sensitivity. A bioindicator serves as an early-warning agent for the plant community with respect to the potential impacts of ozone. Ozone-sensitive and bioindicator plant species at each site were identified by comparing the site's floral list from NPSpecies with the list of sensitive species developed at the workshop.

### **Levels of Ozone Exposure**

Ozone exposure data for 1995 through 1999 for each site were obtained either from on-site monitoring or by kriging. Both monitored and kriged data have limitations. Ozone monitoring was conducted at relatively few sites, but provides the most accurate assessment of ozone exposure. However, data from a single monitor may not accurately represent exposures throughout a large park, or a park with significant elevation differences. For sites without monitoring, ozone data were statistically estimated using a technique known as kriging. This technique uses ozone data from near-by monitoring sites to estimate data for the point of interest. Most of the sites in the risk assessment have kriged data. The accuracy of the kriged data depends on the number of near-by monitoring sites, their distance and their spatial arrangement. The accuracy with which the kriged data represents the actual exposure conditions is likely to vary among the sites.

All ozone data, both monitored and kriged, were analyzed by the Air Resources Division of the National Park Service to produce annual indices of exposure for 1995 through 1999 for each site. Since the ozone research community has not completely accepted one index of exposure as fully characterizing the threshold for foliar injury to vegetation, the assessment employed three indices to assure a comprehensive approach was taken in the assessment.

One index is the Sum06 and its attendant thresholds for injury (Heck and Cowling 1997). This index is comprised of the 90-day maximum sum of the 0800 through 1959 hourly concentrations of ozone  $\geq 60$  ppb (0.60 ppm). The index is calculated over running 90-day periods and the maximum sum can occur over any period of the year, although the chemistry of ozone generation usually results in it occurring over the summer months. For risk assessment purposes, it is also necessary to know the three-month period over which each year's maximum index occurs.

Another index is the W126 and its associated thresholds (Lefohn et al. 1997). The W126 index is the weighted sum of the 24 one-hour ozone concentrations daily from April through October, and the number of hours of exposure to concentrations  $\geq 100$  ppb (0.10 ppm) during that period. The W126 index uses a sigmoidal weighting function in producing the sum: the lower concentrations are given less weight than are the higher concentrations since the higher exposures play a greater role in producing injury. The

significance of the higher concentrations is also reflected in the requirement that there be a specified minimum number of hours of exposure to concentrations  $\geq 100$  ppb. Thus, the W126 index has two criteria that must be realized to satisfy its thresholds: a minimum sum of weighted concentrations and a minimum number of hours  $\geq 100$  ppb.

The last indicator of ozone exposure, designated N-value, consists of the numbers of hours of exposure each year that exceeded 60, 80 and 100 ppb. While there are no formal thresholds associated with these values, they provide insight to the distribution of exposures among these concentrations, and to the numbers of hours at and above 80 and 100 ppb, levels of exposure that are associated with the production of foliar injury.

### **Soil Moisture Status**

Although gas exchange in plants is influenced by many environmental variables, soil moisture status is a critical factor since stomatal closure during periods of low soil moisture can severely limit gas exchange. Since site-specific soil moisture data are not available for the sites, the USDA's Palmer Z Index was selected to represent soil moisture conditions. The Palmer Z Index is a measure of the short-term departure of soil moisture from the long-term mean for the area. Consequently, the index automatically takes into account the diversity in precipitation among the parks, and emphasizes the difference that exists between the monthly soil moisture norm for the site and its actual state. The index is calculated monthly for up to ten regions in each of the 48 contiguous states, and measures drought on a scale from 0.0 to  $-4.0$ , a range representing normal to severe conditions. The regions are considered to be relatively homogeneous by USDA, but contain a diversity of soil, elevation and site variables that influence the soil moisture conditions at any specific location. The Palmer Z Index is not site specific and may not fully represent the soil moisture conditions at a park during a specific month.

The objective of this aspect of the risk assessment was to determine whether there is a consistent relationship between the level of ozone exposure and soil moisture status for the site by using the five years of data available. Atmospheric conditions that foster the production of ozone, such as clear sky, high UV levels and higher temperatures, are ones associated with the presence of few clouds and reduced precipitation. Consequently, years with high levels of atmospheric ozone may also experience low levels of soil moisture. This inverse relationship can constrain the uptake of ozone by plants in years with high levels of ozone and significantly reduce the likelihood that foliar injury will be produced. Knowing whether this relationship exists at a site is essential in determining whether certain levels of ozone exposure pose a risk to vegetation.

Palmer Z data were obtained from the USDA web site for 1995 through 1999 and tabulated for the three-month period over which the Sum06 exposure indices were compiled, and for the May to October period associated with the W126 exposure indices. Visual analysis of the exposure and soil moisture data was undertaken to determine whether there was an association between the two factors at each site.

## Site-Specific Assessment

After information on the presence of sensitive species, levels of ozone exposure and relationships between exposure and soil moisture was compiled, it was synthesized into an assessment of risk of foliar injury for the site. Risk was classified as high, medium or low. Most sites had ozone-sensitive species on them and some of species were bioindicators that could be used in field surveys for ozone injury. If a site did not have any sensitive species, the risk assessment was completed and considered to be potential until sensitive species are identified.

The Sum06 and W126 exposure indices were examined to determine whether they exceeded their respective thresholds for injury, and the frequency with which the thresholds were exceeded over the five-year assessment period. The N-value data were examined to assess the distribution of exposures in a given year, and the consistency of exposure over the five years.

Evaluation of the relationship between ozone exposure and soil moisture might indicate they are inversely related, or they are not related and months of drought occur independent of the level of ozone exposure. At a site where exposure and drought are inversely related, the uptake of ozone is constrained by drought stress in the highest exposure years. In this instance, the risk of foliar ozone injury is likely greatest in years with lower levels of exposure that still exceed the injury thresholds and with soil moisture conditions that are more favorable for the uptake of ozone. In these cases, the greatest risk of foliar injury does not necessarily occur in the year with the highest level of ozone exposure. At sites where exposure and soil moisture are not related, the risk of foliar injury in a given year is a function of the random co-occurrence of high exposure and favorable moisture conditions.

The risk of foliar ozone injury at a site was determined by analyzing the plant, exposure and moisture data. The process was not quantitative, but based upon three primary evaluations: the extent and consistency by which the ozone injury thresholds were exceeded by the Sum06 and W126 exposure indices, the nature of the relationship between exposure and soil moisture, and the extent to which soil moisture conditions constrained the uptake of ozone in high exposure years. The evaluation of these factors and the assessment of their interactions with ozone-sensitive plant species is consistent with the Triad model of risk assessment, and comprises the framework for determining whether the risk of foliar ozone injury was high, moderate or low at each site. The accuracy of a site's risk assessment is dependent upon the quality of the plant list, the accuracy of the ozone exposure data and the degree to which the regional soil moisture data represent conditions at the site.

Sites receiving a risk rating of high have a probability of experiencing foliar injury in most years, while those rated low are not likely to experience injury in any year. A rating of moderate was assigned to sites where analysis indicated injury was likely to occur at some point in the five-year period, but the chance of injury occurring consistently was low. In other words, foliar injury will probably occur at sites rated moderate, but it is not

anticipated it will occur regularly or frequently. Sites rated moderate are likely to experience a wide temporal variation in the occurrence of injury, and over a period of time may experience injury for one or more years while also experiencing several years without injury.

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## **SUMMARY OF RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR PARKS IN THE NORTH COAST AND CASCADES NETWORK**

<b>Park</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>O3 Data</b>
Ebey's Landing NH Reserve	EBLA	WA	low	kriged
Fort Clatsop NM	FOCL	OR	low	kriged
Fort Vancouver NHS	FOVA	WA	low	kriged
Mount Rainier NP	MORA	WA	low	monitored
North Cascades NP	NOCA	WA	low	monitored
Olympic NP	OLYM	WA	low	monitored
San Juan Island NHP	SAJH	WA	low	kriged

## EBEY'S LANDING NATIONAL HISTORICAL RESERVE (EBLA)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Betulaceae
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	Rosaceae
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	Saliaceae
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	Caprifoliaceae

### Representative Ozone Injury Thresholds

Sum06 -- The running 90-day maximum sum of the 0800-2000 hourly ozone concentrations of ozone equal to or greater than 0.06 ppm. Index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

Natural Ecosystems	8 - 12 ppm-hr (foliar injury)
Tree Seedlings	10 - 16 ppm-hr (1-2% reduction in growth)
Crops	15 - 20 ppm-hr (10% reduction in 25-35% of crops)

W126 -- A cumulative index of exposure that uses a sigmoidal weighting function to give added significance to higher concentrations of ozone while retaining and giving less weight to mid and lower concentrations. The number of hours over 100 ppb (N100) is also considered in assessing the possible impact of the exposure. The W126 index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

	<u>W126</u>	<u>N100</u>
Highly Sensitive Species	5.9 ppm-hr	6
Moderately Sensitive Species	23.8 ppm-hr	51
Low Sensitivity	66.6 ppm-hr	135

### Ozone Exposure Data

Ambient concentrations of ozone were not monitored on-site, but were estimated by kriging, a statistical interpolation process. The estimated hourly concentrations of ozone were then used to generate annual exposure values for the site. The exposure values include the Sum06 and W126 exposure indices in ppm-hr and the annual number of hours above 60, 80 and 100 ppb (N60, N80 and N100, respectively).

Ozone air quality data for EBLA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	2	3	1	2	1
W126	3.8	4.3	2.7	3.1	2.5
N60	44	53	21	36	24
N80	3	8	1	8	2
N100	0	1	0	2	0

### Soil Moisture Status

The uptake of ambient ozone by a plant is highly dependent upon the environmental conditions under which the exposure takes place, and the level of soil moisture is an important environmental variable controlling the process. Understanding the soil moisture status can provide insight to how effective an exposure may be in leading to foliar injury. The Palmer Z Index was selected to indicate soil moisture status since it represents the short-term departure of soil moisture from the average for each month for the site. The objectives of the assessment were to examine the relationship between high annual levels of ozone and soil moisture status, and to consider the impact reduced soil moisture status would have on the effectiveness of exposure.

The Palmer Z Index is calculated for up to 10 regions within a state and therefore is not a site-specific index. Without site-specific data, ozone/soil moisture relationships can only be estimated. Site-specific criteria such as aspect, elevation, and soil type can alter soil moisture conditions such that they depart from those determined for the region. However, in lieu of site-specific data, the Palmer Z Index is the best estimate of short-term soil moisture status and its change throughout the growing season.

Palmer Z data were compiled for the site for both the three months associated with the Sum06 index and for the April through October period for the W126 index for 1995 through 1999. It was not possible to identify the specific 3-month summation period for the site's Sum06 index since the index was obtained by kriging. The summation period was estimated from the 3-month periods for Sum06 indices calculated from monitored ozone data for sites within 50 km of the park. The Palmer Z index ranges from approximately +4.0 (extreme wetness) to -4.0 (extreme drought) with  $\pm 0.9$  representing normal soil moisture.



Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at EBLA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	-1.35	-0.87	1.25	-1.10	-0.27
Month 2	-1.81	0.33	2.30	2.19	2.88
Month 3	0.34	-0.69	2.05	0.40	1.97

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at EBLA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	0.02	2.60	0.87	-1.10	-0.27
May	-1.35	2.70	1.25	2.19	2.88
June	-1.81	-0.87	2.30	0.40	1.97
July	0.34	0.33	2.05	1.63	2.44
August	3.74	-0.69	0.24	-1.85	1.73
September	-1.62	2.57	1.55	-2.60	-2.20
October	2.02	2.94	4.43	-0.80	0.73

### Risk Analysis

- There are a few ozone-sensitive species at the site, some of which are bioindicators for ozone.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. Since the W126 accumulative value is below the threshold and the N100 count is below the required number, the criteria for injury are not satisfied. The Sum06 and W126 indices are both below the levels considered necessary for injury to vegetation.
- The N-values for the site show occasional concentrations above 60 ppb and only a few hours each year in which concentrations exceeded 80 ppb. Concentrations rarely exceeded 100 ppb. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- There does not appear to be any association between either the 90-day Sum06 or the seasonal W126 index of ozone exposure and soil moisture status. The low levels of ozone at the site make it difficult to assess relationships between ozone exposure and soil moisture, however no patterns are evident. Years with the highest and lowest W126 exposures, 1996 and 1997 respectively, both had normal soil moisture conditions throughout. The three remaining years had two or three months of mild or moderate drought.

The low levels of ozone exposure at Ebey's Landing National Historic Site make the risk of foliar ozone injury to plants low. While there are no relationships between exposure and drought, scattered months of drought reduce the uptake of ozone and further reduce the likelihood of foliar injury.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator species: red alder, Scouler's willow and common snowberry.

## FORT CLATSOP NATIONAL MEMORIAL (FOCL)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Betulaceae
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Ninebark	Rosaceae
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	Caprifoliaceae

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Ozone air quality data for FOCL					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	2	4	2	5	2
W126	5.4	8.9	3.9	5.5	4.0
N60	73	124	35	70	45
N80	10	34	2	15	3
N100	2	7	0	3	0

### Soil Moisture Status

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Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at FOCL					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	-0.90	-0.07	0.63	-0.41	-1.34
Month 2	1.39	-1.23	-0.84	-0.95	2.18
Month 3	-0.29	0.27	0.64	-1.76	-0.21

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at FOCL					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	1.68	4.33	0.63	-1.22	-1.34
May	-0.90	2.39	-0.84	2.37	2.18
June	1.39	-1.21	0.64	-0.41	-0.21
July	-0.29	-0.07	0.71	-0.95	-0.10
August	0.22	-1.23	1.31	-1.76	0.13
September	0.15	0.27	4.22	-1.96	-2.35
October	-0.68	1.24	2.76	-0.57	-1.22

## Risk Analysis

- There are a few ozone-sensitive species at the site, some of which are bioindicators for ozone.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. The W126 accumulative value is generally below the threshold and the N100 count generally is below the required number. Thus the criteria for injury under the W126 exposure index are not satisfied. Collectively, the Sum06 and W126 indices are below the levels considered necessary for injury to vegetation.
- The N-values for the site show concentrations frequently exceed 60 ppb and rarely are greater than 80 ppb. In one year the concentration exceeded 100 ppb for seven hours while in two years it did not reach 100 ppb. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- There does not appear to be any association between either the 90-day Sum06 or the seasonal W126 index of ozone exposure and soil moisture status. The low and similar levels of ozone at the site make it difficult to assess relationships. In the Sum06 assessments there was one month of mild drought in three of the five years, however no associations with exposure are evident. The year with the highest W126 exposure, 1996, had two months of mild drought. Two years with same second highest exposure, 1995 and 1998, had normal soil moisture and three

months of mild drought, respectively. The two years with the lowest exposures had normal soil moisture and three years of mild and moderate drought. There is no apparent relationship between the W126 index of ozone exposure and soil moisture.

The low levels of ozone exposure at Fort Clatsop National Memorial make the risk of foliar ozone injury to plants low. While there are no relationships between exposure and soil moisture, months of drought constrain the uptake of ozone and further reduce the likelihood of foliar injury.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator species: red alder, ninebark and common snowberry.

## FORT VANCOUVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (FOVA)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree-of-heaven	Simaroubaceae
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	Pinaceae
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust	Fabaceae
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	Saliaceae
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Ozone air quality data for FOVA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	3	7	3	6	3
W126	5.4	9.7	3.8	6.0	3.6
N60	71	134	38	84	40
N80	12	43	2	19	3
N100	3	11	0	4	0

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Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at FOVA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	-1.91	-1.36	0.65	-1.10	1.37
Month 2	-0.73	-0.46	2.15	-2.32	0.98
Month 3	0.08	-1.13	2.71	-2.67	1.28

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at FOVA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	-0.41	3.99	2.19	-2.53	-2.18
May	-1.91	3.07	0.65	1.36	1.37
June	-0.73	-1.36	2.15	-0.56	0.98
July	0.08	-0.46	2.71	-1.10	1.28
August	1.32	-1.13	0.90	-2.32	0.72
September	-0.80	0.44	2.80	-2.67	-2.12
October	1.97	2.80	4.77	-1.28	-0.27

## Risk Analysis

- There are a few ozone-sensitive species at the site, some of which are bioindicators for ozone.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. The W126 accumulative value is generally below the threshold as is the N100 count, thus the W126 criteria for injury are not satisfied.
- The N-values for the site show concentrations frequently exceed 60 ppb and occasionally exceed 80 ppb. One year had 11 hours in which the concentration exceeded 100 ppb, but there were two years in which there were no concentrations above 100 ppb. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- The low levels of ozone at the site make it difficult to assess relationships between ozone exposure and soil moisture. It does appear, however, that soil moisture levels during the 90-day Sum06 accumulation periods are inversely related to ozone concentrations: when ozone is high, soil moisture is low. This relationship reduces the uptake of ozone and the effectiveness of the exposure in producing foliar injury. The years with the highest ozone exposure values, 1996 and 1998, had two and three months, respectively, of mild and moderate drought. There was only one month of mild drought among the three years with lower

levels of ozone. Soil moisture levels associated with the seasonal W126 index also appear inversely related to ozone exposure, although the relationship is not consistent. In the highest ozone year, 1996, there were two months of mild and moderate drought. The two mid-ozone years, 1998 and 1995, had five and one month of mild drought, respectively. The two lowest ozone years, 1999 and 1997, experienced two months of moderate drought and normal soil moisture conditions.

The low levels of ozone exposure at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site make the risk of foliar ozone injury to plants low. Some years have several months of drought that constrain the uptake of ozone and further reduce the likelihood of foliar injury.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator species: tree-of-heaven, ponderosa pine, Scouler's willow and common snowberry.

## MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK (MORA)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Betulaceae
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	Rosaceae
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Spreading dogbane	Apocynaceae
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Ninebark	Rosaceae
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	Pinaceae
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking aspen	Salicaceae
<i>Salix couleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	Saliaceae
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	Caprifoliaceae

### Representative Ozone Injury Thresholds

Sum06 -- The running 90-day maximum sum of the 0800-2000 hourly ozone concentrations of ozone equal to or greater than 0.06 ppm. The index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

Natural Ecosystems	8 - 12 ppm-hr (foliar injury)
Tree Seedlings	10 - 16 ppm-hr (1-2% reduction in growth)
Crops	15 - 20 ppm-hr (10% reduction in 25-35% of crops)

W126 -- A cumulative index of exposure that uses a sigmoidal weighting function to give added significance to higher concentrations of ozone while retaining and giving less weight to mid and lower concentrations. The number of hours over 100 ppb (N100) is also considered in assessing the possible impact of the exposure. The W126 index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

	<u>W126</u>	<u>N100</u>
Highly Sensitive Species	5.9 ppm-hr	6
Moderately Sensitive Species	23.8 ppm-hr	51
Low Sensitivity	66.6 ppm-hr	135

### Ozone Exposure Data

Ambient concentrations of ozone monitored on-site were analyzed to generate annual exposure values. The values include the Sum06 and W126 exposure indices in ppm-hr and the annual number of hours above 60, 80 and 100 ppb (N60, N80 and N100, respectively).

Ozone air quality data for MORA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	4	6	0	1	3
W126	5.4	5.2	0.5	0.9	5.1
N60	76	82	0	10	69
N80	6	6	0	0	4
N100	0	0	0	0	0

### Soil Moisture Status

The uptake of ambient ozone by a plant is highly dependent upon the environmental conditions under which the exposure takes place, and the level of soil moisture is an important environmental variable controlling the process. Understanding the soil moisture status can provide insight to how effective an exposure may be in leading to foliar injury. The Palmer Z Index was selected to indicate soil moisture status since it represents the short-term departure of soil moisture from the average for each month for the site. The objectives of the assessment were to examine the relationship between high annual levels of ozone and soil moisture status, and to consider the impact reduced soil moisture status would have on the effectiveness of exposure.

The Palmer Z Index is calculated for up to 10 regions within a state and therefore is not a site-specific index. Without site-specific data, ozone/soil moisture relationships can only be estimated. Site-specific criteria such as aspect, elevation, and soil type can alter soil moisture conditions such that they depart from those determined for the region. However, in lieu of site-specific data, the Palmer Z Index is the best estimate of short-term soil moisture status and its change throughout the growing season.

Palmer Z data were compiled for the site for both the months used to calculate the Sum06 index and for the April through October period for the W126 index for 1995 through 1999. The Palmer Z index ranges from approximately +4.0 (extreme wetness) to -4.0 (extreme drought) with  $\pm 0.9$  representing normal soil moisture.

Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at MORA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	-2.02	-1.75	-	-1.39	1.49
Month 2	-0.62	-0.06	-	-2.42	-0.51
Month 3	0.40	-1.16	-	-2.97	0.49

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at MORA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	-0.43	4.88	1.92	-2.76	-2.79
May	-2.02	2.47	-0.50	0.38	1.49
June	-0.62	-1.75	1.27	-1.23	-0.51
July	0.40	-0.06	2.03	-1.39	0.49
August	0.71	-1.16	0.08	-2.42	-0.28
September	-0.72	0.27	3.14	-2.97	-2.47
October	1.68	2.08	3.28	-0.44	-0.02

### **Risk Analysis**

- There are several ozone-sensitive species at the site some of which are bioindicators.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. Since the W126 accumulative value did not exceed the threshold level and there were no hourly concentrations above 100 ppb, the W126 threshold criteria are not satisfied. Both the Sum06 and W126 indices are below the levels considered necessary for injury to vegetation.
- The N-values for the site show no years in which concentrations reached 100 ppb, and only a few hours in which concentrations exceeded 80 ppb. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- The low levels of ozone at the site make it difficult to assess relationships between the levels of ozone and soil moisture, and no patterns are evident.

The low levels of ozone exposure at Mount Rainier National Park make the risk of foliar ozone injury to plants low. Neither the Sum06 nor the W126 exposure indices satisfy their thresholds, and there are only a few hours of exposure over 80 ppb and no hours over 100 ppb.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator species: red alder, spreading dogbane, ninebark, ponderosa pine, quaking aspen, Scouler's willow, and common snowberry.

## NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK (NOCA)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Betulaceae
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	Rosaceae
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Spreading dogbane	Apocynaceae
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	Asteraceae
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	Virginia creeper	Vitaceae
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Ninebark	Rosaceae
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa pine	Pinaceae
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking aspen	Salicaceae
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Cut-leaf coneflower	Asteraceae
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	Saliaceae
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	Caprifoliaceae

### Representative Ozone Injury Thresholds

Sum06 -- The running 90-day maximum sum of the 0800-2000 hourly ozone concentrations of ozone equal to or greater than 0.06 ppm. The index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

Natural Ecosystems	8 - 12 ppm-hr (foliar injury)
Tree Seedlings	10 - 16 ppm-hr (1-2% reduction in growth)
Crops	15 - 20 ppm-hr (10% reduction in 25-35% of crops)

W126 -- A cumulative index of exposure that uses a sigmoidal weighting function to give added significance to higher concentrations of ozone while retaining and giving less weight to mid and lower concentrations. The number of hours over 100 ppb (N100) is also considered in assessing the possible impact of the exposure. The W126 index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

	<u>W126</u>	<u>N100</u>
Highly Sensitive Species	5.9 ppm-hr	6
Moderately Sensitive Species	23.8 ppm-hr	51
Low Sensitivity	66.6 ppm-hr	135

## Ozone Exposure Data

Ambient concentrations of ozone monitored on-site were analyzed to generate annual exposure values. The values include the Sum06 and W126 exposure indices in ppm-hr and the annual number of hours above 60, 80 and 100 ppb (N60, N80 and N100, respectively).

Ozone air quality data for NOCA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	-	1	0	0	0
W126	-	2.1	0.4	0.8	1.9
N60	-	16	0	0	5
N80	-	0	0	0	0
N100	-	0	0	0	0

## Soil Moisture Status

The uptake of ambient ozone by a plant is highly dependent upon the environmental conditions under which the exposure takes place, and the level of soil moisture is an important environmental variable controlling the process. Understanding the soil moisture status can provide insight to how effective an exposure may be in leading to foliar injury. The Palmer Z Index was selected to indicate soil moisture status since it represents the short-term departure of soil moisture from the average for each month for the site. The objectives of the assessment were to examine the relationship between high annual levels of ozone and soil moisture status, and to consider the impact reduced soil moisture status would have on the effectiveness of exposure.

The Palmer Z Index is calculated for up to 10 regions within a state and therefore is not a site-specific index. Without site-specific data, ozone/soil moisture relationships can only be estimated. Site-specific criteria such as aspect, elevation, and soil type can alter soil moisture conditions such that they depart from those determined for the region. However, in lieu of site-specific data, the Palmer Z Index is the best estimate of short-term soil moisture status and its change throughout the growing season.

Palmer Z data were compiled for the site for both the months used to calculate the Sum06 index and for the April through October period for the W126 index for 1995 through 1999. The Palmer Z index ranges from approximately +4.0 (extreme wetness) to -4.0 (extreme drought) with  $\pm 0.9$  representing normal soil moisture.

Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at NOCA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	-	2.47	-	-	-
Month 2	-	-1.75	-	-	-
Month 3	-	-0.06	-	-	-

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at NOCA					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	-0.43	4.88	1.92	-2.76	-2.79
May	-2.02	2.47	-0.50	0.38	1.49
June	-0.62	-1.75	1.27	-1.23	-0.51
July	0.40	-0.06	2.03	-1.39	0.49
August	0.71	-1.16	0.08	-2.42	-0.28
September	-0.72	0.27	3.14	-2.97	-2.47
October	1.68	2.08	3.28	-0.44	-0.02

### Risk Analysis

- There are numerous ozone-sensitive species at the site, some of which are bioindicators for ozone.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. Since the W126 accumulative value did not exceed the threshold level and there were no hourly concentrations above 100 ppb, the W126 threshold criteria are not satisfied. Both the Sum06 and W126 indices are below the levels considered necessary for injury to vegetation.
- The N-values for the site show no years in which concentrations reached either 80 or 100 ppb, and only two years in which concentrations exceeded 60 ppb. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- The low levels of ozone at the site make it difficult to assess relationships between the levels of ozone and soil moisture, and no patterns are evident.

The low levels of ozone exposure at North Cascades National Park make the risk of ozone injury to plants low. Neither the Sum06 nor the W126 exposure indices satisfy their thresholds, and there are no hours of exposure over 80 ppb and 100 ppb.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator



species: red alder, spreading dogbane, mugwort, ninebark, ponderosa pine, quaking aspen, cut-leaf coneflower, Scouler's willow, common snowberry, and huckleberry.

## OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK (OLYM)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Betulaceae
<i>Physocarpus capitatus</i>	Ninebark	Rosaceae
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking aspen	Salicaceae
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust	Fabaceae
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	Salicaceae

### Representative Ozone Injury Thresholds

Sum06 -- The running 90-day maximum sum of the 0800-2000 hourly ozone concentrations of ozone equal to or greater than 0.06 ppm. The index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

Natural Ecosystems	8 - 12 ppm-hr (foliar injury)
Tree Seedlings	10 - 16 ppm-hr (1-2% reduction in growth)
Crops	15 - 20 ppm-hr (10% reduction in 25-35% of crops)

W126 -- A cumulative index of exposure that uses a sigmoidal weighting function to give added significance to higher concentrations of ozone while retaining and giving less weight to mid and lower concentrations. The number of hours over 100 ppb (N100) is also considered in assessing the possible impact of the exposure. The W126 index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

	<u>W126</u>	<u>N100</u>
Highly Sensitive Species	5.9 ppm-hr	6
Moderately Sensitive Species	23.8 ppm-hr	51
Low Sensitivity	66.6 ppm-hr	135

### Ozone Exposure Data

Ambient concentrations of ozone monitored on-site were analyzed to generate annual exposure values. The values include the Sum06 and W126 exposure indices in ppm-hr and the annual number of hours above 60, 80 and 100 ppb (N60, N80 and N100, respectively).

Ozone air quality data for OLYM					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	1	0	0	0	0
W126	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
N60	12	0	0	5	0
N80	0	0	0	0	0
N100	0	0	0	0	0

### Soil Moisture Status

The uptake of ambient ozone by a plant is highly dependent upon the environmental conditions under which the exposure takes place, and the level of soil moisture is an important environmental variable controlling the process. Understanding the soil moisture status can provide insight to how effective an exposure may be in leading to foliar injury. The Palmer Z Index was selected to indicate soil moisture status since it represents the short-term departure of soil moisture from the average for each month for the site. The objectives of the assessment were to examine the relationship between high annual levels of ozone and soil moisture status, and to consider the impact reduced soil moisture status would have on the effectiveness of exposure.

The Palmer Z Index is calculated for up to 10 regions within a state and therefore is not a site-specific index. Without site-specific data, ozone/soil moisture relationships can only be estimated. Site-specific criteria such as aspect, elevation, and soil type can alter soil moisture conditions such that they depart from those determined for the region. However, in lieu of site-specific data, the Palmer Z Index is the best estimate of short-term soil moisture status and its change throughout the growing season.

Palmer Z data were compiled for the site for both the months used to calculate the Sum06 index and for the April through October period for the W126 index for 1995 through 1999. The Palmer Z index ranges from approximately +4.0 (extreme wetness) to -4.0 (extreme drought) with  $\pm 0.9$  representing normal soil moisture.

Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at OLYM					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	0.16	-	-	-	-
Month 2	-2.10	-	-	-	-
Month 3	-0.63	-	-	-	-

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at OLYM					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	0.16	4.92	1.81	-2.51	-1.85
May	-2.10	0.83	1.24	-0.62	0.78
June	-0.63	-0.95	3.01	-1.14	0.61
July	-0.50	-0.87	1.34	-0.27	-0.21
August	1.65	-1.04	1.51	-2.27	0.12
September	-0.54	-0.40	4.97	-3.08	-2.48
October	1.38	2.59	2.91	-0.71	0.40

### **Risk Analysis**

- There are a few ozone-sensitive species at the site, some of which are bioindicators for ozone.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. Since the W126 accumulative value did not exceed the threshold level and there were no hourly concentrations above 100 ppb, the W126 threshold criteria are not satisfied. Both the Sum06 and W126 indices are below the levels considered necessary for injury to vegetation.
- The N-values for the site show no years in which concentrations reached either 80 or 100 ppb, and only two years in which concentrations exceeded 60 ppb. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- The low levels of ozone at the site make it difficult to assess relationships between the levels of ozone and soil moisture, and no patterns are evident.

The low levels of ozone exposure at Olympic National Park make the risk of ozone injury to plants low. Neither the Sum06 nor the W126 exposure indices satisfy their thresholds, and there are no hours of exposure over 80 ppb and 100 ppb.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator species: red alder, ninebark, quaking aspen, and Scouler's willow.

## SAN JUAN ISLAND NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK (SAJH)

### Plant Species Sensitive to Ozone

<i>Latin Name</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red alder	Betulaceae
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Saskatoon serviceberry	Rosaceae
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking aspen	Salicaceae
<i>Salix scouleriana</i>	Scouler's willow	Saliaceae
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Common snowberry	Caprifoliaceae

### Representative Ozone Injury Thresholds

Sum06 -- The running 90-day maximum sum of the 0800-2000 hourly ozone concentrations of ozone equal to or greater than 0.06 ppm. Index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

Natural Ecosystems	8 - 12 ppm-hr (foliar injury)
Tree Seedlings	10 - 16 ppm-hr (1-2% reduction in growth)
Crops	15 - 20 ppm-hr (10% reduction in 25-35% of crops)

W126 -- A cumulative index of exposure that uses a sigmoidal weighting function to give added significance to higher concentrations of ozone while retaining and giving less weight to mid and lower concentrations. The number of hours over 100 ppb (N100) is also considered in assessing the possible impact of the exposure. The W126 index is in cumulative ppm-hr.

	<u>W126</u>	<u>N100</u>
Highly Sensitive Species	5.9 ppm-hr	6
Moderately Sensitive Species	23.8 ppm-hr	51
Low Sensitivity	66.6 ppm-hr	135

### Ozone Exposure Data

Ambient concentrations of ozone were not monitored on-site, but were estimated by kriging, a statistical interpolation process. The estimated hourly concentrations of ozone were then used to generate annual exposure values for the site. The exposure values include the Sum06 and W126 exposure indices in ppm-hr and the annual number of hours above 60, 80 and 100 ppb (N60, N80 and N100, respectively).

Ozone air quality data for SAJH					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Sum06	2	2	1	2	1
W126	3.5	3.6	2.5	2.7	2.1
N60	36	40	17	28	16
N80	2	5	1	5	1
N100	0	1	0	1	0

### Soil Moisture Status

The uptake of ambient ozone by a plant is highly dependent upon the environmental conditions under which the exposure takes place, and the level of soil moisture is an important environmental variable controlling the process. Understanding the soil moisture status can provide insight to how effective an exposure may be in leading to foliar injury. The Palmer Z Index was selected to indicate soil moisture status since it represents the short-term departure of soil moisture from the average for each month for the site. The objectives of the assessment were to examine the relationship between high annual levels of ozone and soil moisture status, and to consider the impact reduced soil moisture status would have on the effectiveness of exposure.

The Palmer Z Index is calculated for up to 10 regions within a state and therefore is not a site-specific index. Without site-specific data, ozone/soil moisture relationships can only be estimated. Site-specific criteria such as aspect, elevation, and soil type can alter soil moisture conditions such that they depart from those determined for the region. However, in lieu of site-specific data, the Palmer Z Index is the best estimate of short-term soil moisture status and its change throughout the growing season.

Palmer Z data were compiled for the site for both the three months associated with the Sum06 index and for the April through October period for the W126 index for 1995 through 1999. It was not possible to identify the specific 3-month summation period for the site's Sum06 index since the index was obtained by kriging. The summation period was estimated from the 3-month periods for Sum06 indices calculated from monitored ozone data for sites within 50 km of the park. The Palmer Z index ranges from approximately +4.0 (extreme wetness) to -4.0 (extreme drought) with  $\pm 0.9$  representing normal soil moisture.

Soil moisture status for the Sum06 index period.

Palmer Z Index data for 3-month Sum06 period at SAJH					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Month 1	0.02	-0.87	0.87	-1.10	-0.27
Month 2	-1.35	0.33	1.25	2.19	2.88
Month 3	-1.81	-0.69	2.30	0.40	1.97

Soil moisture status for the April through October period for the W126 index.

Palmer Z Index data for the 7-month W126 period at SAJH					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
April	0.02	2.60	0.87	-1.10	-0.27
May	-1.35	2.70	1.25	2.19	2.88
June	-1.81	-0.87	2.30	0.40	1.97
July	0.34	0.33	2.05	1.63	2.44
August	3.74	-0.69	0.24	-1.85	1.73
September	-1.62	2.57	1.55	-2.60	-2.20
October	2.02	2.94	4.43	-0.80	0.73

### Risk Analysis

- There are a few ozone-sensitive species at the site, some of which are bioindicators for ozone.
- The Sum06 index is below the threshold for injury. Since the W126 accumulative value did not exceed the threshold level and the number of hourly concentrations above 100 ppb did not meet the requirement, the W126 threshold criteria are not satisfied. The Sum06 and W126 indices are both below the levels considered necessary for injury to vegetation.
- The N-values for the site show concentrations rarely exceed 80 ppb. Ozone exceeded 100 ppb for one hour in each of two years. These levels of exposure are unlikely to injure vegetation.
- The low and consistent exposure indices and the limited occurrence of drought make it difficult to assess relationships between ozone exposure and soil moisture. However, there appear to be no associations between either the Sum06 or the W126 index of exposure and soil moisture conditions. There were only three months of drought over the five-year Sum06 assessment period, and their occurrence was unrelated to the level of exposure. The year with the highest W126 exposure, 1996, had normal soil moisture, while the second highest year, 1995, had three months of mild drought. There was one month of moderate

drought in 1999, the lowest ozone exposure year. The two mid-ozone years had normal soil moisture and three months of mild and moderate drought. Overall, there is no association between exposure and soil moisture.

The low levels of ozone exposure at San Juan Island National Historic Park make the risk of foliar ozone injury to plants low. While there is no association between exposure and soil moisture, months of mild and moderate drought constrain the uptake of ozone and further reduce the likelihood of foliar injury.

If the level of risk increases in the future, a program to assess the incidence of foliar ozone injury on plants at the site could use one or more of the following bioindicator species: red alder, quaking aspen, Scouler's willow and common snowberry.